(ग) यदि हां, तो यह योजना कब तक स्वीकृत होगी तथा यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोमपाल): (क) और (ख) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। तथापि, राज्य ने डीजल प्रचालित नलकूपों और पम्पिंग सैटों के तहत आने वाले लगभग 1.9 लाख हैक्टर धान नर्सरी क्षेत्र के लिए किसानों को सिंचाई संबंधी राजसहायता प्रदान करने का एक प्रस्ताव भेजा है। राज्य सरकार ने 550 लाख रुपये की सहायता की मांग की है ताकि दो बार सिंचाई के लिए प्रति सिंचाई 25 लीटर प्रति हैक्टेयर की दर से डीजल की लागत को वहन किया जा सके।

(ग) सिंचाई संबंधी राजसहायता के लिए राज्य को सहायता प्रदान करना सम्भव नहीं हो सका है क्योंकि चावल और गेहूं आधारित फसल प्रणाली वाले क्षेत्रों (आई॰सी॰डी॰पी॰-चावल और आई॰सी॰डी॰पी॰-गेहूं) में समेकित अनाज विकास कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत ऐसा कोई प्रावधान नहीं है।

Formation of Kisan Clubs

2473. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to encourge the formation of "Kisan Clubs" or "Farmers Clubs" to organise the farming community;

(b) if so, the details of such a proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of organisation, various research institutes are unable to disseminate knowledge; and

(d) what steps are proposed to encourage better communication skills for farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) There is no specific scheme for formation of "Kisan Clubs" "Farmers Clubs". However, farmers groups are encouraged for exposure visits to the more agriculturally developed States under Central Sector Farmers Exchange Scheme. Also, farm women groups are promoted through a Central Sector Scheme "Women in Agriculture" for upgradation of skills. The scope and coverage of both these schemes is proposed to be expanded during IXth plan period.

(c) Research institutions through their field extension programmes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, farmers training, field demonstration etc. are involved in the dissemination of knowledge and technologies to the farmers both on individual and group basis.

(d) Farmers skills are updated through various programmes/activities like training, field demonstration, exposure visits, interface with the scientists, print and mass media support, organising Kisan Melas, Kisan Goshties, field visits and field days.

Meeting of World forum on Fish Workers

2474. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the meeting of the First World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers held in New Delhi in November 1997 or thereabout;

(b) if so, the details of the subjects discussed in the meeting; and

(c) whether Government have received any communication from the Forum about the subjects discussed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fish-workers (WFF) meet was held in New Delhi from 17—21 November, 1997. As per the papers/report made available by the organisers of the World Forum of Fish-harvesters and Fish-workers, the following major topics were discussed in the meeting.

(i) Natural resource management and property rights,